Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 08 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 06 Apr 2021 at 15:56 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for continuing cold conditions across the hills with further snow for most areas, but also some brighter interludes in between. Lower confidence for the details through the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 07 Apr 2021: A bright day with a few passing snow showers. Bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	30%	10%	10%	<05%	<05%	40%

Forecast for Wednesday 07 Apr 2021

Weather: Northwesterly winds will bring a few light snow showers through much of the morning with some clear/bright spells in between, the majority of these showers most likely affecting the Aberdeenshire Hills. Showers fading through the day with some longer sunny breaks leading to glare off lying snow. A band of snow will spread east across the west Perthshire Hills towards midnight, this falling as rain at lowest levels.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%.

Visibility: Some patches of cloud above 600m though morning, mainly associated with passing showers across the Aberdeenshire Hills. Cloud will lift and become well broken above around 800m. Overall, very good visibility expected with most summits clear.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	36/45 NW	34/43 NW	31/39 NW	25/34 NW	21/29 NW	16/22 NW	13/18 W	15/19 SW	21/29 SW
900	25/33 NW	26/35 NW	23/31 NW	21/30 NW	19/26 NW	14/20 NW	11/16 W	11/15 SW	17/25 SW
600	17/28 NW	16/26 NW	14/23 NW	16/26 NW	14/23 NW	10/17 NW	8/14 W	7/14 SW	12/23 SW
300	10/23 NW	9/21 NW	9/20 NW	11/22 NW	11/22 NW	8/16 NW	5/10 NW	3/8 W	5/13 SW
Glen	8/20 W	6/16 W	6/14 W	10/21 NW	12/23 NW	8/16 NW	4/8 NW	3/7 W	4/10 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-10/-22	-10/-22	-10/-21	-9/-19	-7/-16	-6/-14	-6/-13	-7/-14	-6/-14
900	-8/-18	-8/-18	-8/-17	-6/-15	-5/-13	-4/-11	-4/-10	-5/-11	-4/-11
600	-5/-13	-5/-12	-5/-12	-4/-10	-2/-8	-1/-6	-1/-6	-3/-7	-2/-7
300	-3/-8	-3/-8	-3/-7	0/-5	2/-3	2/-2	2/-1	-1/-3	-0/-3
Glen	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-5	1/-3	3/-2	3/-0	2/0	-0/-2	0/-2
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	100m	200m	00m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Bitterly cold as Arctic air remains, but less windy than previous days. Conditions deteriorating from the west after dark.

Forecast for Thursday 08 Apr 2021

Weather: A cold and windy day with rain or snow never far away and often on the heavy side, especially through late afternoon and evening. The snow level will be higher than previous days, with snow confined to above around 700m but blizzard conditions are likely on higher ground. Very cold air returns through evening with blizzard conditions extending towards Glen level.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 30-40 gusting 50-60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%, perhaps 40% through afternoon.

Visibility: Cloud will be quite persistent above around 600-800m across all areas with breaks confined to more sheltered eastern slopes of the Cairngorms and the Aberdeenshire Hills. Visibility will be generally very poor above this especially with occasional blizzard conditions. Rain will turn lower slopes hazy, especially later in the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** 6-8 Celsius, but 2 or 3C early and late.
At 800m: Around freezing.
Freezing level: 800-1000m, falling 400m later evening.

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